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## THE REPUBLIC PROSTITUTED ITS REPUTATION FOR PALTRY GAIN

Was Willing to Sell Its Columns to the Republicans to Help to Defeat Wilson

Caused State Chairman James Cowgill to Blush with Shame and Repudiate Its Acts

It is all well and proper that independent papers should accept political advertising from all parties for pay, but when papers which have been the organs of the Democratic or Republican parties for years stoop so low in the scale of political harlotry and prostitution to accept money and open their columns for the opposite party, they should—as they do—lose the respect and confidence of the members of their party and sink to the depths of the streets and alleys—prostitute. The St. Louis Republic in the campaign closed on Nov. 7 caused every Democrat in the state to blush. If the Kansas City Star was not already a political harlot (although it supports Democracy between elections and the Republican ticket at elections) it would also have caused the blush to come to the cheek of every decent citizen—and the Kansas City Post has. What must have been the feelings of Democratic State Chairman James Cowgill, when two days before the election, he was forced to send out such telegrams as the following:

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 5th.  
John M. Marshall,  
Chairman Democratic County Committee,  
Richmond, Missouri.

Republican advertisements in the St. Louis Republic are being circulated by Republicans claiming the Republic has dropped to Hughes. This is false. Advertisements are paid for from immense slush fund provided by Wall street financiers to deceive the voters into placing them in power. Expose the conspiracy.

JAMES COWGILL,  
Chairman Dem. State Committee.  
And the Observer is not alone in its opposition to such political prostitution of Democratic or Republican organs. Here is how the Butler Democrat feels about it:

Butler Democrat Ashamed  
Readers and patrons of the St. Louis Republic in this section of Missouri were startled and chagrined last Thursday to see in that paper, on opposite pages two "political advertisements," presumably paid for by the Republican National Committee. One of the advertisements was a four-column editorial taken from the Chicago News, of October 25, 1916, and headed "Mr. Wilson as President." It was a vitriolic and bitter arraignment of the acts of President Wilson from the day of his inauguration down to the present time. The other was almost a full page advertisement and was headed in bold and black lines, "Back to the Bread Line if Wilson's Tariff is Not Repealed." The acceptance of these advertisements on the eve of the election smacked strongly of party treason, and in the eyes of Missouri Democrats, was a crime which will not soon be forgotten or condoned. The St. Louis Republic has been looked upon in this campaign as the one great metropolitan paper which was standing squarely by President Wilson and giving him its loyal and undivided support, and its action in accepting such advertising at such a time is considered as a direct thrust at President Wilson and the party at large. It does not lessen the Republic's culpability or in any way appease the wrath of Missouri Democrats for it to print a quarter of a page signed editorial in black face

type in reply to these advertisements. A great paper like the Republic, which for almost a century has been the faithful exponent of Democratic doctrine, should never have been tempted by the check offered in payment of the Republican committee's advertising, no matter how large the check. Missouri Democrats have looked to the Republic as a leader in years past and up to the present time they have never been misled or had cause for complaint.

No surprise was experienced by Democratic voters of Missouri when the Kansas City Star accepted and printed the glaring advertisements of the Republican National Committee, but when the St. Louis Republic followed the lead of the Star and printed these same advertisements Democrats all over the state felt that they had been betrayed by a paper which they have always regarded as one which could not be tempted by the money bags of the opposition. The editorial management of the Republic will have a hard time in explaining that the acceptance and printing of these advertisements was "a matter of business" and in the hands of the business management only.

And this from the Milan Standard speaks for itself:

The Standard Disgusted

The Milan Standard is completely disgusted with the St. Louis Republic's stand on the late election, as should be every honorable and conscientious Democratic newspaper in this or any other state. For the recognized leading Democratic metropolitan newspaper to sell advertising space to the opposing political party, is too low and degrading for recognition, not only from Democrats, but from any self-respecting citizen. To sell one's birth right for a mess of pottage is something we could never understand. Before the editor of the Milan Standard would sell space (which means one's honor) to the Republican party, or any other party, that spoke in a disparaging manner of the Democratic party, or boasted the cause of an opposing party, we would wear rags, grovel in the dirt, pick with the chickens or starve to death.

And this from the Gallatin Democrat adds to the wholesale condemnation heard from all over the state: The Republicans must have expended a fabulous sum in buying space in the big daily papers of the country. Papers, which were supposed to be Democratic, admitted to their columns the basest misrepresentations of President Wilson and the Democratic administration. We did suppose the St. Louis Republic would remain loyal to the Democratic party, but it was no better than the Globe-Democrat in this respect. They all seem to have been "Bought With a Price," and if Wilson is re-elected he will owe it to the loyalty of the Democratic county press and not the metropolitan press. The treachery of the Republic will not soon be forgotten. The Kansas City Post is in the same category.

And this to close this story of harlotry, from the Glasgow Missourian—and there could be easily a hundred more given—but this is enough:

There is a certain class of advertising accepted by the St. Louis Republic during the late campaign that we do not exactly like. If the Republic wants to be a real Democratic paper it could well afford to leave out the advertising matter of the enemy. This looks like a species of disloyalty that is unbecoming a newspaper, even if it does add thousands to its exchange.

### WILL PROTECT ALL

The Federal Reserve Bank System Put in Operation by the Democrats Will Make All Safe

That there has been no panic since a Democratic administration placed on the statute books the federal reserve bank act and then put it into active operation is self evident to every citizen of the United States. That Wall street and the money power of the east has had its throat cut from ear to ear by this great act and system is also self apparent. That the United States can have no panic in future while this system is in operation is well known, and these stated facts had much to do with the success of the Democratic party at the polls Nov. 7.

The bugaboo which Teddy and his cohorts held before the eyes of the American voter in the last campaign relative to what would happen after the great European conflict closes, is also settled by the agency and operation of the great system and act. To show just how this act and agency will operate to keep up the present prosperity after the war closes is shown by a speech which William McMartin, chairman of the board of the federal reserve bank at St. Louis made this week before the Memphis, Tenn., chapter of the American Institute of Banking. Mr. Martin, in speaking of it said:

"It seems to me that any bank, which owns stock in a federal reserve bank, can go to its customers able to offer them the assurance that never again will they have the trouble that was once experienced in getting money to meet payrolls. A member bank can also assure its customer that, if he has the proper credit standing and is conducting his business in the proper way, he is now under no danger of having his loan called during a time like 1907, when such a call, in many cases, meant the shutting down of the business; but that the bank, through the instrumentality of the federal reserve system, is in position to extend legitimate accommodation for sound business.

"The federal reserve bank becomes a gold reservoir, able through its rediscounting operations to send a stream of money to any bank that enjoys its privileges which has a legitimate need for it.

"In the period of readjustment that must follow the war, it is to the federal reserve system that this country must look for the protection of its gold supply. The gold that we have will be desired by the nations from which it came, because it is the basis of credit. Under our old system, we would have had to stand helpless and see the gold go out. With the federal reserve system in effect, there is every reason to believe that we will be given effective protection."

### WILL START TODAY

Oscar McDaniel Will Face the Jury Which Will Decide His Case

This morning the actual work of determining whether or not Oscar McDaniel, prosecuting attorney of this county murdered his wife will be taken up in the criminal court before Judge Ryan. All is in readiness and the case which has attracted nationwide attention will be on trial.

On Thursday afternoon the panel of forty men from among whom the twelve will be selected who will determine the case, were accepted from the one hundred and fifty called from the city and county to make up the required talesmen. Contrary to general expectation there was but little difficulty encountered in securing the required forty. At the time of the selection of the last talesman Judge Ryan dismissed the prospectives until this morning, after first admonishing them that they must not allow anyone to discuss the case with them, and that in the event that any person did so to promptly report the matter to him and he would take the necessary steps to see that the offender was properly cared for.

There were a number of interesting incidents connected with the selection of the talesmen and several clashes between the opposing attorneys which raised the expectations of the spectators to the high temperature point.

Attorney General Barker is in the case for the prosecution and it is related that the reason that he is so connected, is that a blood relation of the murdered woman, Ben Eli Guthrie asked the governor to assign him to the case. Of this story there is no confirmation.

The forty talesmen accepted are from all parts of the city and county. From them is expected a verdict in the most extraordinary murder case ever heard in Buchanan county.

### BOOHER IS GRATEFUL

I want to thank the people of the Fourth district for the splendid vote of confidence given me at the polls Nov. 7.  
I desire to thank each and every Democratic and Independent paper which gave me such generous and effective support.  
I thank particularly the representative Democrats of each county in the district who supported me so generally and ably, and to the great rank and file of Democrats and Independents all over the district who supported me as a matter of principle I want to express my most sincere thanks. To the friends of other parties who on personal grounds gave me their support I extend my most sincere thanks. To all of the people of the district who have given me the strong proof of the approval and good will of the folks at home I express the thanks of a grateful heart and my only regret is that I cannot meet and thank you personally in each case.

CHARLES F. BOOHER.

### THE NEBRASKA WAY

How the Republican State Committee Chairman Sought to Rally His Forces for the Great Battle

The Republicans do things in a different way in Nebraska from what they do in Missouri—that is they herd up the boys by the use of language which is new here. A copy of the last letter sent out by Chairman Edward Beach of the Republican state committee of Nebraska, with which to rally his voters, was brought to St. Joseph this week by Charley Murphy, the well known traveling man whose territory is in Nebraska, to whom it was given as a souvenir by one of his Republican customers. Murphy turned it over to this paper and it is hereby submitted as one of the freaks of the campaign. The letter was sent out by Beach to every Republican precinct committeeman in Nebraska and begins by addressing the precinct committeeman as "old top" and requests him to keep his "eye peeled on election day." Then it proceeds with the following exhortation:

"Lord—let's get rid of Wilson before he makes any more fool blunders. Guess that about all the Americans have been killed down around Mexico by American guns that Woodrow let them have are buried by this time. Now you give our fellows the wink in your precinct and they'll go along over to the polls next Tuesday and we'll bury old Woodrow with ballots."

After another paragraph or two along the same lines, the chairman winds up by saying:

"Whoopie! 'Rah for Hughes!"

If this had been put out in certain quarters it would have shocked a great many of the brethren, but since it comes from the party chairman, it must be admitted that it is "hot stuff."

And strange as it may look and seem to Chairman Beach and his consulting cabinet, Wilson carried all of Nebraska and incidentally the entire state and congressional ticket of that same state was elected.

### BELIEVED IT TRUE

So Herbert Owen and Billy Linn Sent Teddy the Noisy a Message Telling Him So

Two of the strongest believers in St. Joseph that Theodore Roosevelt can say more, mean less—and get away with it—are Herbert A. Owen and Billy Linn. So convinced are they that for once Teddy really told the truth that they went to the trouble and expense of sending him an eighty-word telegram informing him of the fact. The full text of the message sent him over the Western Union is as follows:

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 10, 1916.  
Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,  
Oyster Bay, New York.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 7th, you issued through the Associated Press your congratulations and thanks to the people of the U. S. A. As the results are not what you thought they would be at that time, the time has arrived when the people of the U. S. A. are sending you their congratulations and thanks. You also stated that you would take no part in the selection of the next Cabinet. We believe this to be true.

H. A. OWENS,  
W. N. LINN.

### THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE

Jeppha had a little Lamm,  
His head was full of dough,  
He followed Jep to b— and back,  
And now poor Lamm's no mo.  
—Boonville Advertiser.

## ALVAH P. CLAYTON IS NO MORE

St. Joseph's Best Advertiser Joins the Throng of Those Who Have Crossed River

HE HAD DONE MUCH FOR ST. JOSEPH

After an illness which had extended over a period of only three days this greatly beloved citizen answers the summons of the dread Destroyer and Passes From the Midst of Those Whom He Loved, Leaving Them But Remembrance of One Who Was the Friend of All and the Enemy of None

When on Sunday morning the news flashed over St. Joseph that Alvah Patee Clayton was dead it was hardly believed by the thousands of friends who knew him so well—for he was known not only to every man, woman and child in St. Joseph—but for that matter all over the state and the United States as well—and also in countries outside of the United States. He was in the true sense of the word a cosmopolitan and his fame was almost universal.

It did not take long for the people here to ascertain that the news was only too true and that St. Joseph was deprived of one of its best known, most popular, and most generally beloved citizens and business men. When on Tuesday they gathered to pay the last tribute of respect and affection there was no capacity to the assemblage—all of the city turned out.

Alvah Patee Clayton was as well known in New York and the cities of the east as are the present noted men of this day. It is said that he could walk along Broadway and be pointed out and called by name by more men than any citizen of the country. His business relations and his national and international prominence as a Shriner had much to do with his wide acquaintance and popularity.

III But Three Days

It was not until the Wednesday previous that he felt ill enough to go home, but again on Thursday he came down for a short time to his business house, the Sheridan-Clayton Paper Co., of which he was the head and which he had brought from a small beginning up to one of the greatest wholesale paper houses in the United States. He did not remain down town long, and on Saturday evening was taken decidedly ill and death ensued at 9:45 p. m., the members of his family gathered about his couch.

He was born Dec. 27, 1860, in Ashley, Ohio, and when five years of age, with his parents, came to St. Joseph where he had ever made his home since and where he devoted all of his business life to pushing this city to the front. To him is due much of the present greatness of St. Joseph. He was this city's best advertiser and no one can or will gainsay this claim.

He received his education here in the public schools and Christian Brothers' College, and when a young man engaged in the grocery business at Eleventh and Penn streets. Several years later he entered the employment of a wholesale paper company, and later formed a partnership with J. J. Sheridan to conduct such a business under the name of the Sheridan-Clayton Paper Company, of which he was president and active manager up to his death.

For many years Clayton traveled for the company, and he had a wide acquaintance throughout the St. Joseph territory. There are few cities in the country where he has not personal friends.

In 1887 Mr. Clayton was married in St. Joseph to Miss Mattie M. Gunn. Of this union three sons were born, all surviving. They are Robert Griffin, Edward Smith and Alvah Patee Clayton Jr. Mr. Clayton also is survived by a sister, Mrs. F. B. Griffin. His mother, Mrs. A. E. Russell, died in 1912.

Twice Elected Mayor

Mr. Clayton was for two years the head of St. Joseph's government, being first elected mayor in 1908 and again re-elected in 1910. He gave the city two splendid administrations and could easily have been elected for a third time but refused to stand for the office, which process he repeated when the Democracy of this section tried to get his consent to make the race for governor. He had no particu-

lar liking for office, but on the other hand was always trying to help his friends to office.

In Masonic circles he was a great favorite and was especially strong in the Shrine where he filled the office of imperiad potentate of the imperial council, the highest office and title that can be conferred by the Shrine. As potentate of Moila Temple of this city he made that temple world famous. While he was imperiad potentate he conferred the thirty-second degree in Masonry on President Diaz of Mexico in the imperial palace in Mexico City.

An Imposing Funeral

All St. Joseph and the territory tributary turned out Tuesday to pay the last tribute to his earthly career. All forenoon the body lay in state in the Masonic temple where the casket was covered with an ocean of flowers, and thousands passed it to look for the last time on the face of their friend.

At noon the city offices closed for the day, the courts adjourned out of respect to his memory and the flags on all city buildings and schools were lowered to half mast.

At 1 o'clock services under the auspices of Charity Lodge No. 331, A. F. & A. M. were held, Rev. Thomas C. Middleton of Unionville, Mo., conducting the services which were very impressive. At the conclusion the funeral cortege, which was one of the largest ever known in St. Joseph, moved to Mount Mora, where interment took place.

The active pall bearers were: B. G. Voorhees, Charles Frazer, Judge C. H. Mayer, Pat Kane, William H. White, Samuel I. Motter and C. L. Kennedy.

The honorary pall bearers were: A. L. Bartlett, Henry J. Mueller, Joshua Motter, Simon Binswanger, T. F. Van Natta, Franz Bauer, Judge O. M. Spencer, Huston Wyeth, Vinton Pike, L. M. Smith, John D. Richardson, H. G. Buckingham, C. D. Morris, Wiley Cox, C. U. Philley, Jack Holtman and Claude Madison.

With the mound neatly rounded and covered with flowers the people returned to the city mourning the loss of their friend.

### THE LAGNAIPPE FAIR

It Is Proving to Be a Greater Success Than Any of the Previous Efforts

The Lagnappe fair is in full blast and will continue all of this week and next. It is not only a dissemination of good things but it is as well a mirth producer. The immense crowds which have filled the great Auditorium each afternoon and evening attest this fact.

The exhibit of food products is the best ever shown, and one who looks it over will wonder why they had never known before that St. Joseph could do so much in this line.

The amusement features excel any and everything that the promoters have heretofore essayed—there is more and a plenty.

The Wild West show is a catcher and the Brady's know how to sing and dance. Jean Beaugere, the impersonator and lightning change artist is bewildering and all of the other features are up-to-date and catching.

### HONORED BY ALL

Judge A. D. Burnes Had No Opposition in Either the Primary or the General Election

Judge A. D. Burnes of Platte County, was in St. Joseph last night on his return from Savannah where he presided over the November term of court of that county which is in his district.

Judge Burnes enjoys the distinction of having been re-elected on Nov. 7 to another six-year term of office, without the annoyance and trouble of having to either ask for, or run for it. In other words Judge Burnes' actions on the bench have been so satisfactory that the Republicans did not put out a man in the primary or in the general election and the Democrats respected and honored him so much that no one aspired for the nomination in the primary. And the best part of the whole matter is that he ran ahead of President Wilson in nearly all of the counties of his district.

WELL—WHO DOES?

(An unknown poet)

Some people were made to be soldiers  
The Irish were made to be cops  
Limburger was made for the Germans  
Spaghetti was made for the wops  
Fish was made to drink water  
Bums were made to drink booze  
Banks were made to hold money  
Money was made for the Jews  
Everybody seems to need something  
But who in the world wants Hughes?

### REDUCING DEATH RATE

Christian Scientists Have Much to Do With Cutting It Down to Its Present Proportions

Vital statistics just published by the census bureau show that the death rate in America is 13.5 per thousand, as against 16.2 in the years 1901-6. The death rate in America is the lowest it has been in the history of the country. Americans are healthier than they have ever been.

The decrease in the death rate in the United States began when Christian Scientists started their uplifting work. Christian Scientists have made

this a nation of optimists. Men and women have "got into the habit of being well," as Oliver Wendell Holmes said. Christian Scientists have worked without ceasing to show their fellow men that "sin, sickness and death are abnormal conditions of mortal mind." And they have succeeded. No group of religionists in America has ever had such an effect on the people—an effect for good spiritually and bodily—as have the Christian Scientists.

Doctors may rail and attempt to prosecute, but the work begun by Mrs. Eddy still goes on. The good health of the country shows the result of that work. Figures prove it.—New York Telegraph.